



rEcovery Community Meeting #4 *Rebuilding and Historic Preservation* Final Report

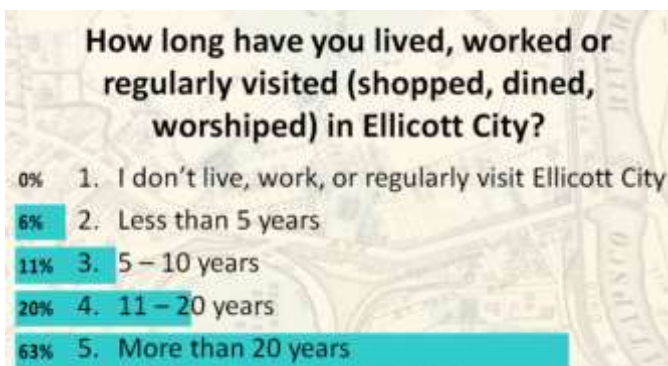
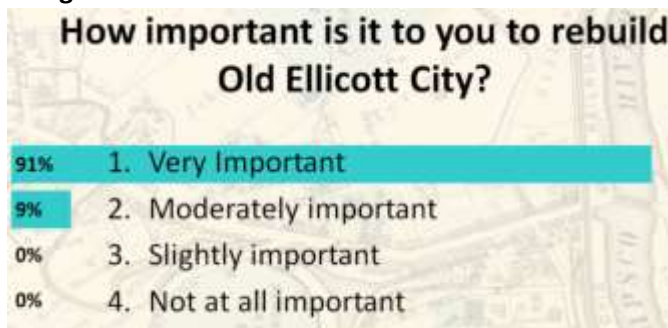
December 10, 2016

Table facilitation during the meeting

On December 10th, residents, community members, and stakeholders of the Greater Ellicott City area met at Roger Carter Community Center to: engage in community dialogue, learn from a presentation by an expert from the City of Annapolis, and share ideas for rebuilding a stronger and more resilient Ellicott City. This meeting was the last in a series of four. The meetings all focused on rebuilding with an emphasis on resilient infrastructure and flood mitigation. This meeting had a special additional focus on historic preservation.

Throughout the evening, participants were able to share their thoughts and feelings on the recovery process and learn about the County's response and the process moving forward. Participants engaged in facilitated group discussions and used keypad polling to provide instant feedback.

Polling Results:





The **County Executive, Allan H. Kittleman**, opened the meeting and congratulated the community for the recovery effort to date. He praised the business owners and those who have supported them in their efforts to remain open and contribute to the atmosphere Ellicott City is known for. He also affirmed his commitment to Old Ellicott City and to preserving its historic significance while making it more resilient.



County Executive, Allan H. Kittleman, greeting participants



Lisa Craig presenting Annapolis historic preservation efforts

Lisa Craig, Chief of Historic Preservation for the City of Annapolis, presented the

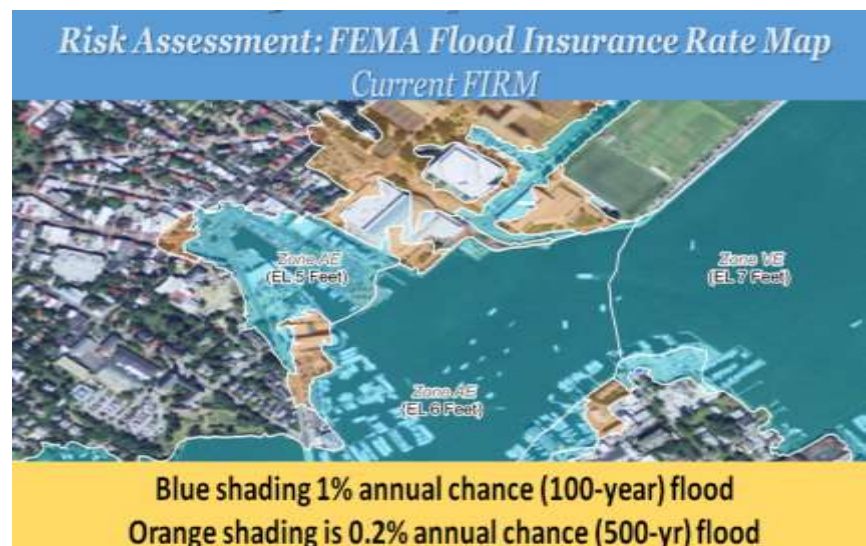
City's response to the flooding that repeatedly threatens the many historic properties. This response, Weather It Together, is a comprehensive, community-based strategy that addresses the impacts of flooding, subsidence and sea level rise on historic and cultural resources. The City engaged experts in the field of sea level rise to understand the risk

Annapolis faces, worked with the community to identify historic properties and their level of vulnerability, and created a unique cultural resource adaptation and hazard mitigation plan. The City has implemented the plan with the help of economic incentives and support from multiple levels of government.

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Compelling & Applicable Ideas for EC Recovery: THEMES from discussion around City of Annapolis presentation

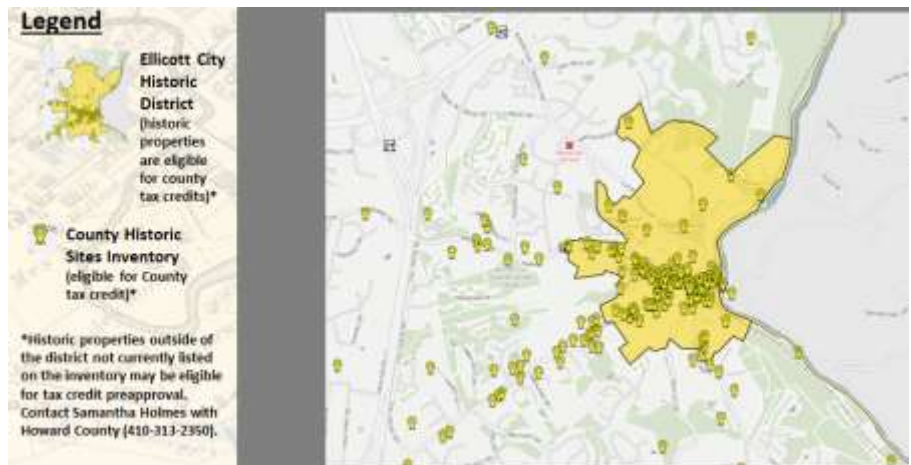
- Expand tax & other incentives to all, incl. property owners
- Enhance inventory of property (economic & preservation value)
- Provide detailed information on construction/mitigation techniques
- Acknowledge flooding as part of EC's history and heritage
- Balance needs of preservation, flood mitigation & economics
- Ensure insurance available for all, esp. rebuilders
- Use branding to educate public on mitigation efforts





Preservation Maryland: Ellicott City Update

Renee Novak, Field Director for Preservation Maryland, presented the response to the flood initiated both by Preservation Maryland and the County. Like Annapolis', Howard County's Historic Tax Credit Program is 25% of total eligible work, which is deducted from the property tax bill. Examples of eligible work were shown and attendees were provided with the resources to find out more about the programs offered.

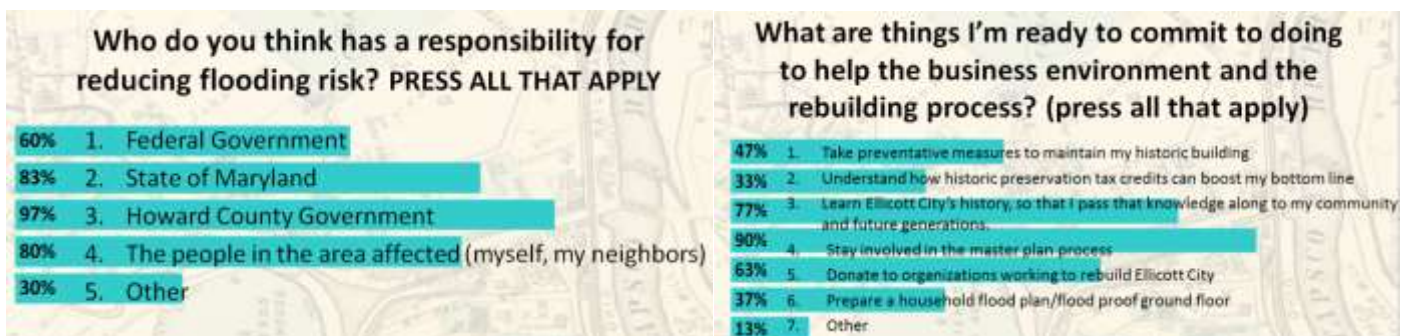


Map of Ellicott City Historic District

Project Idea Generation

Project Ideas for how to rebuild Ellicott City as a model, resilient city have been collected from the County's senior staff, a group of engineers and designers, the Flood Work Group, CAG members, and experts on economic recovery and historic preservation. Project ideas have also been gathered at each of the four community meetings. The ideas are organized by pillar and categorized as either part of a long-term process or as a potential short-term, ready-to-go strategy. Participants and anyone with a project idea to help make Ellicott City a model, resilient city are invited to submit a Project Idea at www.ecstrong.org through December 31.

Final Polling Results:



NEXT STEPS:

- Stay engaged in the Master Plan process in 2017
- Participate online at www.ecstrong.org



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